



Future Carnival Queens display their creativity at Mon Plaisir Mavo

On Friday, it was Carnival parties galore, from schools to banks and businesses as Aruba gears up for the final weekend of the greatest party of the year. A tradition at the Mon Plaisir Mavo (Middle School) is their annual Queen Competition. The young contenders for their school's title show remarkable inventiveness not only in their costumes, but also in the choreography of their presentations, revealing themselves remarkably talented dancers. Awards are given not as queens, but for the most beautiful or entertaining of costumes.

Nine lovely young women wearing attire consisting of anything from aluminum foil to balloons, mosaic glass and some indefinable materials used in remarkable ways displayed an energy in their dancing that was exhausting to watch. The students of each class cheered on their candidates with as much enthusiasm as if it was an island-wide pageant, and judges had a tough time making a decision. Principal Hessin expressed that he was truly "impressed and proud of the remarkable creativity" that the students had shown in their presentations.

Finally, it was the team of Nori-Anne Tweehuit, and Crystal Brown, displaying not only resourcefulness in their costume design, but a distinct sense of humor with their combination foil and balloon creations. The judges' choice was well received, and all the girls were awarded bouquets and gifts for their efforts.